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Art Unit: 3612

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Title: Truck Bed Liner with Integrated Trunk Storage Compartment

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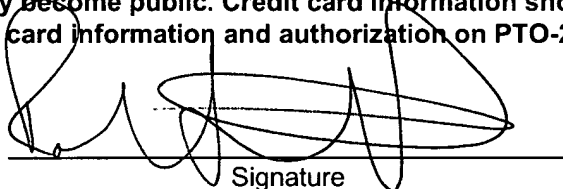
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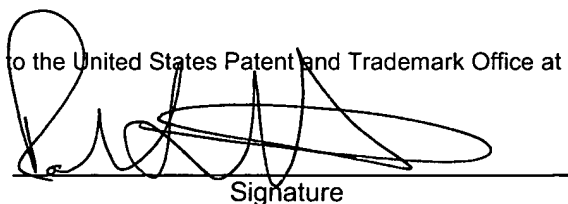
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Affidavit of Robert L. Knechtel

1. I am the Attorney of record for application serial number 09/473,791, entitled TRUCK BED LINER WITH INTEGRATED TRUNK STORAGE COMPARTMENT and invented by Brian Haack.

2. On November 14, 2003, I learned that the patent application for this invention went abandoned.

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3. On November 17, 2003, as it was not the intention of Applicant to abandon the application, I contacted the PTO to inquire about the application.

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4. On November 24, 2003, I contacted Examiner Gutman who agreed to obtain the file for me. I received the file by fax in two parts on December 3 and 4, 2003. Included was an Office Action, a Response to that Office Action, a Notice of Non Compliance regarding the Response, and a Response to the Notice of Non-Compliance. No Notice of Abandonment was included. (Response to Notice of Non-Compliance attached as Exhibit "A.")

5. I never received a Notice of Abandonment.

6. Applicant has given a good faith effort in prosecuting this application, and he does not wish for it to go abandoned.

7. A revised Response to the Office Action which is updated to meet current Office Rules is presented with this Petition.

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Dear Sir:

In response to paper number eleven, date November 19, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Submitted herewith are proposed amended drawings.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 6, line 20, please delete the word "Side" and insert the word -- side- - as follows:

FIGURE 5 depicts the inventive device wherein the divider panel is created from the liner side wall.

Exhibit A

On page 7, line 2, please delete the word "Side" and insert the word - - side- - as follows:

FIGURE 6 depicts a top view of the divider panel in its assembled configuration as integrated from the liner side wall.

On page 8, line 2, please delete the word "Side" and insert the word - - side- - as follows:

FIGURE 14 depicts another alternate embodiment in its assembled configuration as formed from the liner bottom and side wall.

On page 8, line 5, please delete the word "Side" and insert the word - - side- - as follows:

FIGURE 15 depicts a top view of the alternate embodiment of Figure 14 in which the liner bottom is used in conjunction with multiple living hinges to form a trunk storage compartment with the side wall.

On page 8, line 11, please delete the word "Side" and insert the word - - side- - as follows:

FIGURE 16 depicts a rear view of the alternate embodiment in which the enclosure and divider panels are raised from the horizontal position prior to forming the trunk storage compartment with the liner side wall.

On page 8, line 13, please delete the word "Side" and insert the word - - side- - as follows:

FIGURE 17 depicts a top view of the divider panel with a living hinge within the liner bottom and liner side wall to create the sides of the trunk storage compartment with the enclosure panel being formed from the liner front wall.

On page 8, line 16, please delete the word "Side" and insert the word - - side- - as follows:

Figure 18 depicts a rear view of the divider panel raised from the horizontal position from the liner bottom and the enclosure panel in the liner side wall being raised to form the trunk storage compartment.

On page 9, beginning at line 17 and continuing in that paragraph through its end on page 10, line 5, please delete the word "Side" and insert the word - - side- - as follows:

The truck bed liner is molded to generally fit the contours of a truck bed, including wheel well shrouds 42. Liner bottom 40 is co-formed to liner front wall 34 at 48. Liner bottom 40 is co-formed to liner side walls 36, 38 at 50 beginning at a point adjacent liner front wall 34 to a first predetermined point on side walls 36, 38. At the first predetermined point is found living hinge 52. Living hinge 52 extends from liner side wall 36 to opposite liner side wall 38. Liner bottom 40 extends to the rear of a living hinge 52 to a second predetermined point 53. Between living hinge 52 and second predetermined point 53, liner bottom 40 is not attached to liner side walls 36, 38. At second predetermined point 53 is found free edge 54. Free edge 54 extends from liner side wall 36 to liner side wall 38. Along free edge 54 is optionally found horizontal

protrusion 55 along its edge. Horizontal protrusion 55 provides strength to the divider. The perimeter formed by the unattached portion of liner bottom 40 and living hinge 52 comprises divider panel 56.

On page 12, beginning at line 5 and continuing in that paragraph through its end at line 12, please delete the word "Side" and insert the word - - side- - as follows:

Figure 5 illustrates that divider panel 56 may also be molded or cut into the liner side walls 36, 38 of truck bed liner 20. In this embodiment, divider panel 56 is formed into one wall, either liner side wall 36 or liner side wall 38, which permits divider panel 56 to pivot about living hinge 52 on the vertical axis and then be secured into place by a divider lock means 58 found on the opposite liner side wall as illustrated in Figure 6. The disadvantage of this embodiment is that the side wall surface available to mold or cut a divider may not be sufficient to completely bridge liner bottom 40 between liner side wall 36 and liner side wall 38 of truck bed liner 20. To address this problem, two divider panels, each of which are of a length equal to one-half the width of the liner may be used. In this manner, the two divider panels can join in the center of the bed to form a single divider panel.

On page 12, line 1, please delete the number "4" and insert the number - - 9 - - as follows:

Figure 9, latch means 59 protrudes from each liner side wall 36, 38 near the lower aspect of each side wall.

On page 16, beginning at line 7 and continuing in that paragraph through its end at line 8, please delete the word "Side" and insert the word - - side- - as follows:

This alternate embodiment may also be accomplished using the same inventive concept as illustrated in Figure 17 by providing liner bottom 40 with a divider panel 56 and a living hinge 52 and liner side wall 36 or liner side wall 38 with a side panel 98 to form the sides of the truck storage compartment with enclosure panel 92 being located within liner front wall 34.

On page 16, beginning at line 9, please insert the word - - As illustrated in Figure 18, yet another- - amend the paragraph as follows:

As illustrated in Figure 18, yet another embodiment may also be accomplished without liner side wall 36, 38 providing a side panel 98 (of Figure 17). Instead, the side walls provide an enclosure panel 92 that has a living hinge 52 located on liner side walls 36 or 38 to rotate from a vertical position to a horizontal position for attachment to latch means 96 located along front liner wall 34 with divider panel 56 being rotated to a vertical position from its horizontal position within liner bottom 40.

In the Claims

1. A truck bed liner of the type generally having a front wall, two side walls, a bottom, and a back wall, the improvement comprising:
an integrated divider panel that forms a vertical wall when in a raised position;
divider panel securing means for positioning and securing the divider panel to an adjacent wall;
an integrated enclosure panel that forms a horizontal cover member when in a raised position; and
enclosure panel securing means for positioning and securing the enclosure panel to an adjacent wall.
whereby, the divider panel and enclosure panel are positioned adjacent to one another and secured into place forming an enclosed compartment.
2. The improved truck bed liner of Claim 1 wherein the divider panel is located in the bottom of the truck bed liner.
3. The improved truck bed liner of Claim 1 wherein the enclosure panel is located in the back wall of the truck bed liner.
4. The improved truck bed liner of Claim 1 wherein the enclosure panel is located in the front wall of the truck bed liner.
5. The improved truck bed liner of Claim 1 wherein the enclosure panel is located in the side wall of the truck bed liner.
6. The improved truck bed liner of Claim 1 wherein the divider panel and the enclosure panel each have three free edges and a fourth edge comprising a hinge means.
7. The improved liner of Claim 6 wherein the hinge means is a living hinge.
8. The improved liner of Claim 1 wherein the divider panel securing means further comprises at least two protrusions extending outwardly from each side wall of the liner at a predetermined point in the side walls such that they maintain the divider panel in a 90° angle with respect to the bottom when the divider panel is in a raised position, the protrusions being spaced apart from one another along the horizontal axis a sufficient distance such that the divider panel can be positioned between them.
9. The improved liner of Claim 1 wherein the enclosure panel securing means further comprises at least two horizontal ribs extending outwardly from each of the two side walls of the liner at a predetermined point in the side wall, the horizontal ribs being spaced apart from one another a sufficient distance to form a closure channel to receive and secure the enclosure panel between the horizontal ribs.

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10. The improved liner of Claim 1 further comprising a base panel, the base panel having a first side and a second side, the enclosure panel being releasably affixed to the first side of the base panel when the enclosure panel is not within the enclosure securing means.

11. The improved liner of Claim 1 wherein the enclosure panel is releasably affixed to the first side of the base panel by a hook and loop type of fastener.

12. An enclosed storage compartment for a vehicle liner of the type generally having a front wall, two side walls, a bottom, and a back wall which is an integral part of the liner or, alternatively, a separate piece affixed to a tailgate, comprising:

an integrated divider panel;

at least two protrusions adjacent to one another and extending outwardly from each side wall of the liner at a predetermined point in the side walls, whereby, the protrusions maintain the integrated divider panel in a 90° angle with respect to the horizontal axis when the divider panel is in the raised position;

an integrated enclosure panel; and

at least two horizontal ribs extending outwardly from each side wall of the liner at a predetermined point in the side wall, the horizontal ribs being spaced apart from one another a sufficient distance to form a closure channel to receive and secure the enclosure panel between the horizontal ribs, whereby, the integrated enclosure panel and the integrated divider panel combine to form a storage compartment.

13. The improved liner of Claim 12 further comprising a base panel, the base panel having a first side and a second side, the enclosure panel being releasably affixed to the first side of the base panel when the enclosure panel is not used to form the trunk storage compartment.

14. A truck bed liner of the type generally having a front wall, two side walls, a bottom, and a back wall which is an integral part of the liner, the improvement comprising:

an integrated divider panel and further comprising at least two living hinges located at predetermined locations on the divider panel, the living hinges enabling the divider panel to be raised into a vertical position at one of the at least two living hinges and horizontal position at the second of the at least two living hinges; and

panel securing means, whereby, the divider panel can be positioned and secured to form a trunk storage compartment with the bottom and an adjacent side wall.

15. A storage compartment for vehicle liners of the type generally having a front wall, two side walls, a bottom, and a back wall, comprising:

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walls;
an integrated enclosure panel, the enclosure panel formed into one of the side

an integrated divider panel, the divider panel formed into the bottom; and
panel securing means, whereby, the enclosure panel can be rotated from a vertical position to a horizontal position and the divider panel can be rotated from a horizontal position to a vertical position adjacent to the enclosure panel and, thereby, secured along with the enclosure panel to form a storage compartment.

16. The improved liner of Claim 16 wherein the enclosure panel and the divider panel are each rotated to its respective positions along a hinge means.

17. The improved liner of Claim 17 wherein the hinge means is a living hinge.

18. A truck bed of the type generally having a front wall, two side walls, a bottom, and a back wall, the improvement comprising:
an integrated divider panel that forms a vertical wall when in a raised position;
divider panel securing means for positioning and securing the divider panel to an adjacent wall;
an integrated enclosure panel that forms a horizontal cover member when in a raised position; and
enclosure panel securing means for positioning and securing the enclosure panel to an adjacent wall,
whereby, the divider panel and enclosure panel are positioned adjacent to one another and secured into place forming an enclosed compartment.

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19. An enclosed storage compartment for a vehicle of the type generally having a front wall, two side walls, a bottom, and a back wall which is an integral part of the liner or, alternatively, a separate piece affixed to a tailgate, comprising:

an integrated divider panel;

at least two protrusions adjacent to one another and extending outwardly from each side wall of the liner at a predetermined point in the side walls, whereby, the protrusions maintain the integrated divider panel in a 90° angle with respect to the horizontal axis when the divider panel is in the raised position;

an integrated enclosure panel; and

at least two horizontal ribs extending outwardly from each side wall of the liner at a predetermined point in the side wall, the horizontal ribs being spaced apart from one another a sufficient distance to form a closure channel to receive and secure the enclosure panel between the horizontal ribs, whereby, the integrated enclosure panel and the integrated divider panel combine to form a storage compartment.

20. A truck bed of the type generally having a front wall, two side walls, a bottom, and a back wall which is an integral part of the liner, the improvement comprising:

an integrated divider panel and further comprising at least two living hinges located at predetermined locations on the divider panel, the living hinges enabling the divider panel to be raised into a vertical position at one of the at least two living hinges and horizontal position at the second of the at least two living hinges; and

panel securing means, whereby, the divider panel can be positioned and secured to form a trunk storage compartment with the bottom and an adjacent side wall.

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21. A storage compartment for vehicles of the type generally having a front wall, two side walls, a bottom, and a back wall, comprising:

- an integrated enclosure panel, the enclosure panel formed into one of the side walls;
- an integrated divider panel, the divider panel formed into the bottom; and
- panel securing means, whereby, the enclosure panel can be rotated from a vertical position to a horizontal position and the divider panel can be rotated from a horizontal position to a vertical position adjacent to the enclosure panel and, thereby, secured along with the enclosure panel to form a storage compartment.

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RemarksIn the Drawings37 CFR 1.83(a) Objections

The Examiner objected to the drawings pursuant to 37 CFR 1.83(a) for the reason that they fail to show certain features. Specifically, the Examiner objected because:

- (1) *Front wall latch means 85* was not shown. *Front wall latch means 85* is shown on Figure 10. It was mislabeled as "84". A correction has been made.
- (2) In Figure 1, *side wall 38* was mis-marked as 22. A correction has been made.
- (3) *Lower latch means 59* was not clearly shown in Figure 2. The *Lower latch means* is better seen in Figures 1 and 9. A correction has been made to the Specification to better illustrate this feature.
- (4) In Figure 3, the Examiner noted some unexplained error. Applicant assumes that the lead line to *horizontal protrusion 53* was not pointing to its feature and that the *lower latch means 59* was not seen. The lead line has been changed and the Specification has been amended to better describe lower latch means 59.

37 CFR 1.84(p) (5) Objections

The Examiner further objected to the drawings pursuant to 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because certain reference signs were not mentioned in the description. All of the objected to references have been removed from the drawings.

The Examiner also objected to Figure 3 as being misleading. The Examiner's observation was correct and Figure 3 has been amended to illustrate side wall 38 and not side wall 36.

Figure 1 has been amended to show appropriate lead line lengths for reference 76.

In Figure 11, the objected to lead line has been amended to illustrate reference 42.

In reference to the objection to Figures 14 and 15, the Specification has been amended to better describe the invention in relation to the drawings.

Figures 19 and 20 have been amended to correct the mislabeled reference from 56 to 52 to illustrate the living hinge.

37 CFR 1.83(a) Objections

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The Examiner objected to the drawings pursuant to 37 CFR 1.83(a) for failing to show every feature of the claimed invention. Applicant submits that the two living hinges as claimed in claims 14, 29, 30, and 53 are illustrated in Figures 15 and 16. The living hinges enable the divider to fold in two places to create a compartment.

The remaining 1.83(a) objections regarding the use of the phrase *enclosed storage compartment* have been resolved by claim amendment.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's careful reading of the specification and drawings. Amendments have been made in accordance with those observations. Abiding by the Examiner's suggestion, Applicant submits herewith proposed drawing amendments. Formal corrections will be submitted after allowance by the Examiner.

In the Specification

The Examiner noted that *side wall* was incorrectly capitalized as *Side wall* throughout the description. An amendment to the specification has been made to address the problem. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's observation.

The Examiner maintains that on page 11, lines 16-19, it is unclear how pressure is applied to remove the divider panel from the locking means. Applicant submits that the procedure is adequately explained in line 19 wherein it explained that after pressure is applied, the divider panel "begins to bow and, thereby, allow divider panel 56 to be removed from the divider vertical locking means 58." Applicant submits that a reasonable person skilled in the arts would understand this to mean that the liner divider bends ("bows") sufficiently that it clears the vertical locking means and can then be placed in a horizontal position.

In the Claims

Claims Objections- Informalities

In Claims 11 and 30, the Examiner noted superfluous words. Amendments have been made to these claims.

Claims Rejection- 35USC Section 112

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 8-11, 14-17, 22-26, 28-30, 44, 46-50, and 53 for failing to distinctly claiming the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner noted that there was insufficient antecedent basis in the claims. Amendments have been made to address the Examiner's concerns.

Double Patenting

The Examiner noted that there was a potential double patenting issue with Claims several Claims. Applicant will move forward with Claims 15, 29, 30, and 53 pending the Examiner's decision on Claims 1 and 14. Applicant has cancelled Claims 44 and 46-50.

Claims Rejection- 35 USC Section 102

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 4, 8, 15, and 22 as being anticipated by Yudenfreund. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Yudenfreund claims a foldable insert for station wagons. Applicant's reading of Yudenfreund does not reveal any description or claim of compartmentalizing capabilities of his insert. Instead, Yudenfreund is essentially a cover for protecting the back of a station wagon, much like a traditional bed liner protects a truck bed.

Moreover, Applicant disagrees that Yudenfreund describes or contemplates creating an enclosed compartment. It is logical to assume that there was not reason to do so since Yudenfreund is designed for the back of a station wagon, an already enclosed vehicle.

Applicant respectfully submits that, as claimed, his invention is not anticipated by Yudenfreund. Applicant's invention comprises a liner that can compartmentalize a truck bed and create an enclosure in a truck bed. Neither of which are described or contemplated in Yudenfreund.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-5, 8-10, 14-17, 22-24, 28-30, and 53 as also being anticipated by Yudenfreund. Applicant noted in the Examiner's argument that Hollenbaugh, Sr. is cited. Applicant assumes that Examiner meant to state anticipation by Hollenbaugh, Sr. Clarification is requested.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner that Hollenbaugh, Sr. anticipates his invention. Hollenbaugh, Sr. describes and claims a multi-piece box that fits into a truck bed. Hollenbaugh, Sr. actually teaches away from Applicant's invention. First, one of the problems that Applicant's invention addresses is keeping separate items for compartmentalization from being stored in the truck bed where they can fly around. His invention enables the dividers and compartments to be completely broken down and placed out of sight while still being in the truck bed for later use. The pieces are part of the liner itself, manipulated through living hinges. Hollenbaugh, Sr., on the other hand is a box that cannot be broken down and placed out of sight in the truck bed. It is always there taking up space or it must be removed from the truck bed and stored elsewhere.

A second problem that Applicant's invention addresses is loose and dangerous pieces of material in the truck bed. His line, as claimed, provides for a

single piece bed liner having divider and compartmentalization properties. Hollenbaugh, Sr., on the other hand, provides for a multi-piece unit. If certain portions of that unit are not required, then they are either allowed to be loose in the back of the truck where they can act as projectiles or they must be stored elsewhere, defeating the purpose of a compartment if you need it and the pieces are not there.

Applicant respectfully submits that, as claimed, his invention is not anticipated by Hollenbaugh, Sr. Applicant's invention comprises a liner that can compartmentalize a truck bed and create an enclosed in a truck bed, all of which is done in a single piece unit.

Claim Rejection- 35 USC Section 103

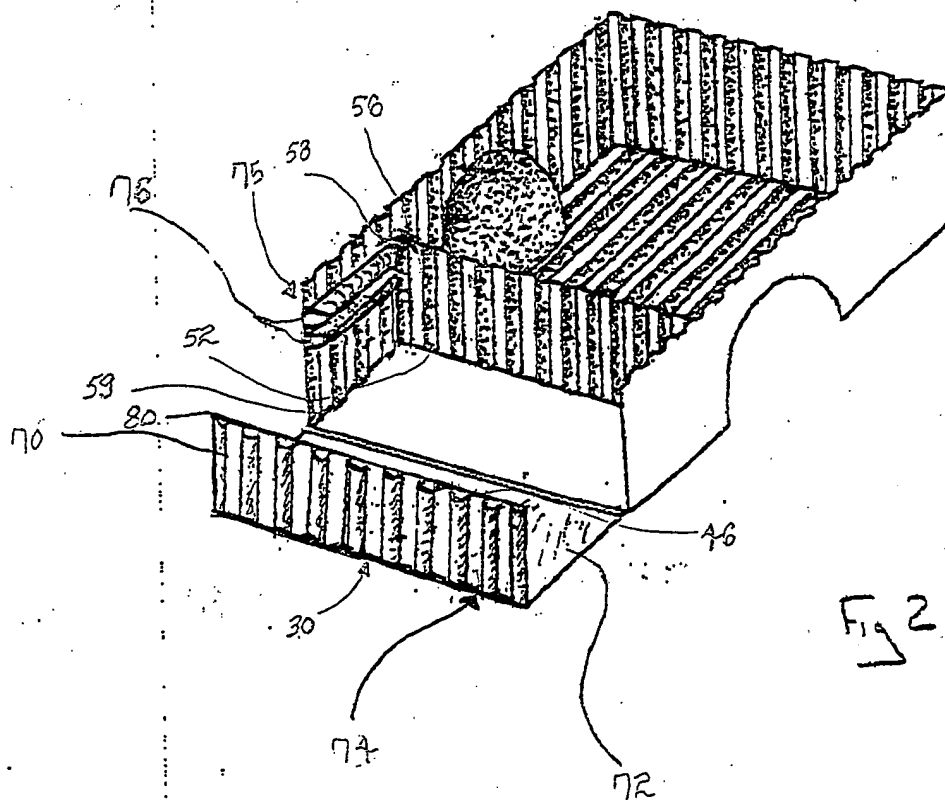
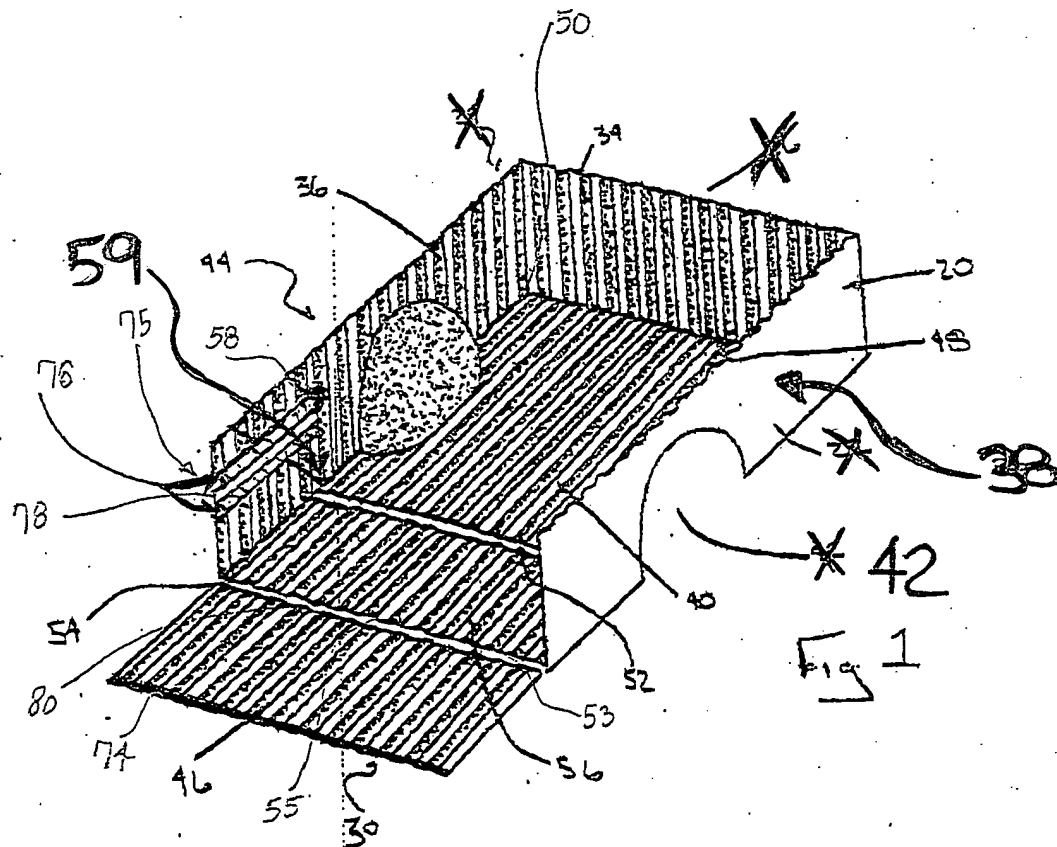
The Examiner rejected Claims 11 and 25 as being unpatentable over Hollenbaugh, Sr in view of Heft. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant respectfully disagrees. As stated above, Hollenbaugh, Sr does not address or contemplate the problems and solution of Applicant's invention. Hollenbaugh, Sr is a multi-piece unit that cannot be broken down and placed out of sight. Further, neither Hollenbaugh, Sr. or Heft contemplate or describe the use of horizontal protrusions to accept an enclosure panel.

Applicant submits that his claims, as amended, are patentable over the prior art. Applicant respectfully request, therefore, that the Examiner recommend allowance of the claims. If the Examiner has any questions or believes that a telephone interview with Applicant's attorney would be beneficial in moving this case along, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted

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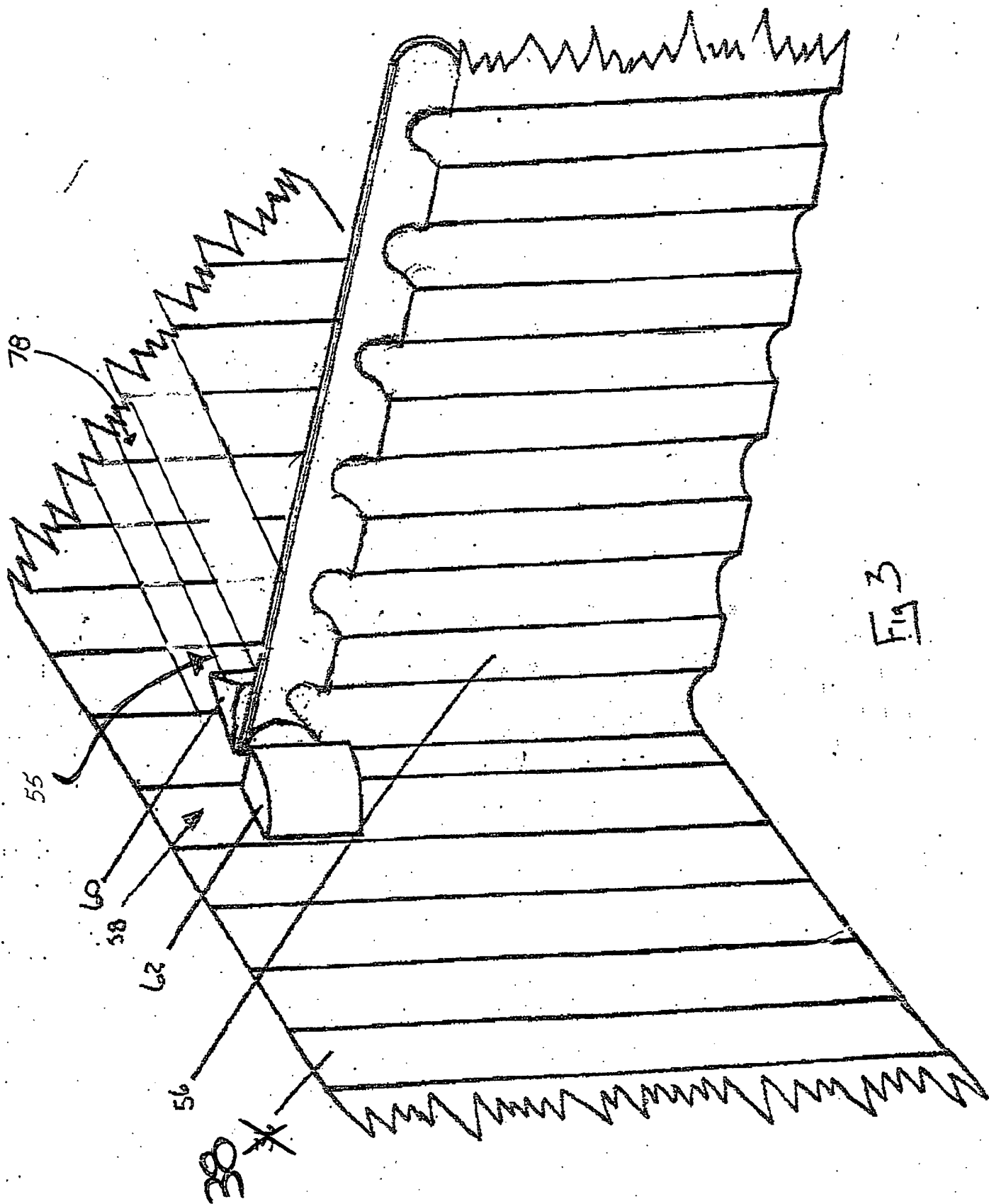


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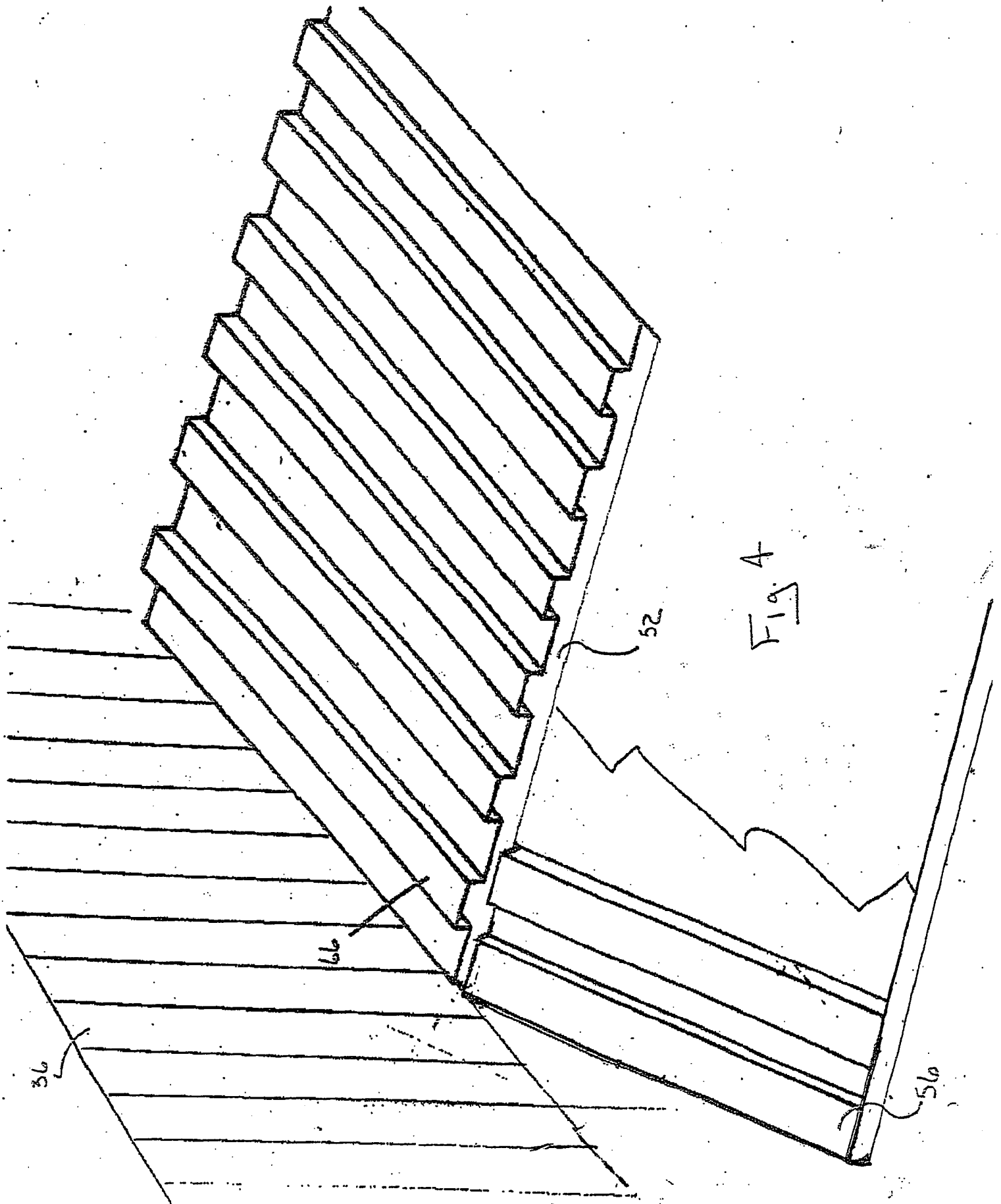


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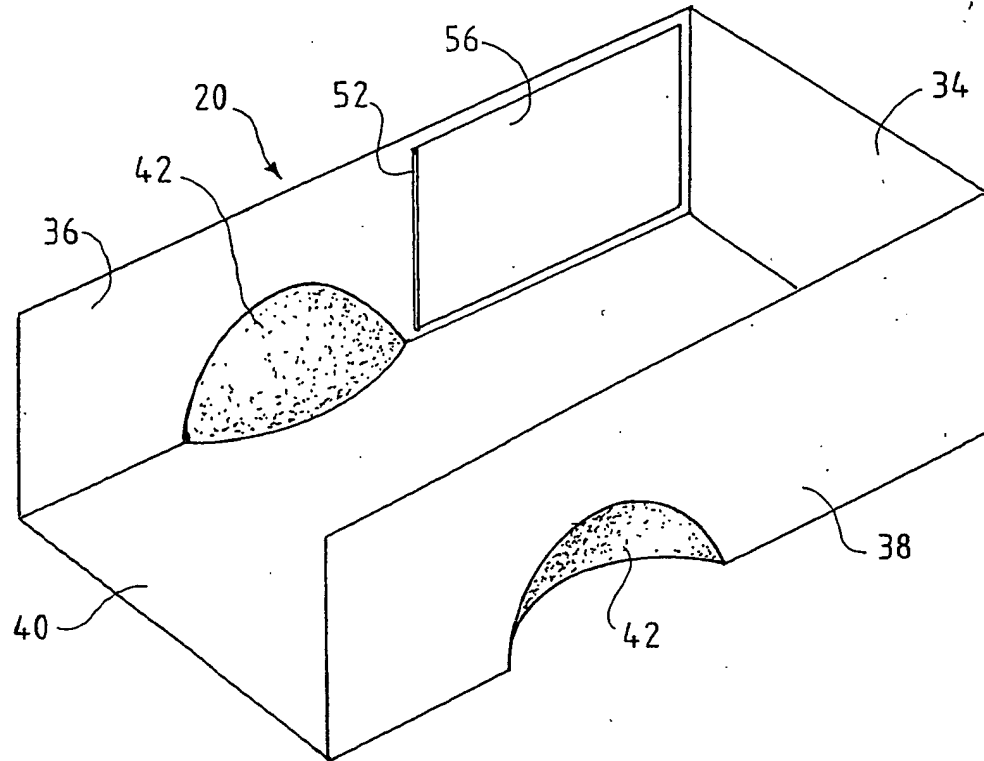
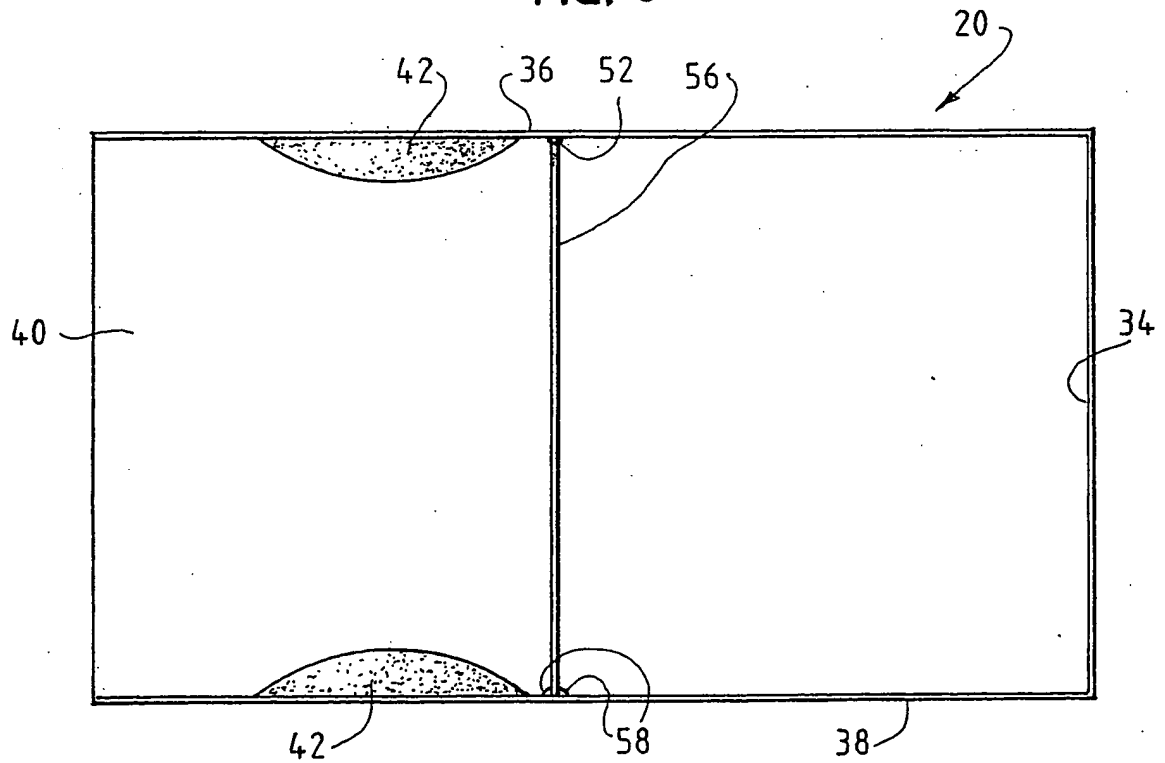
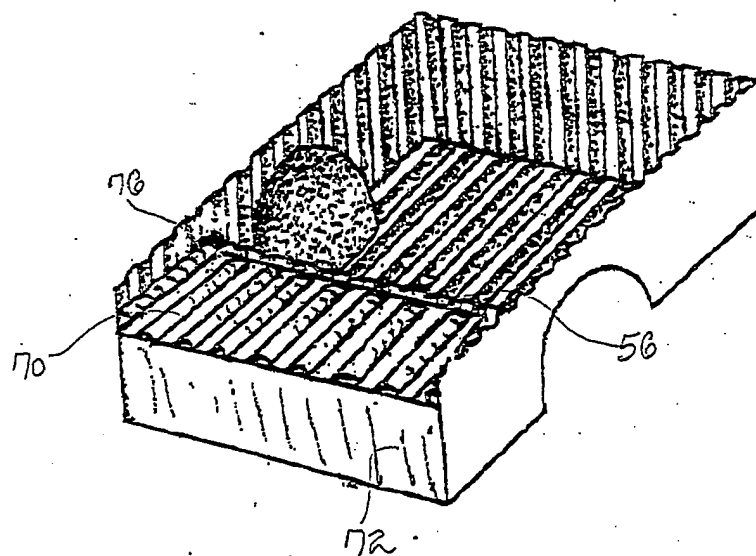
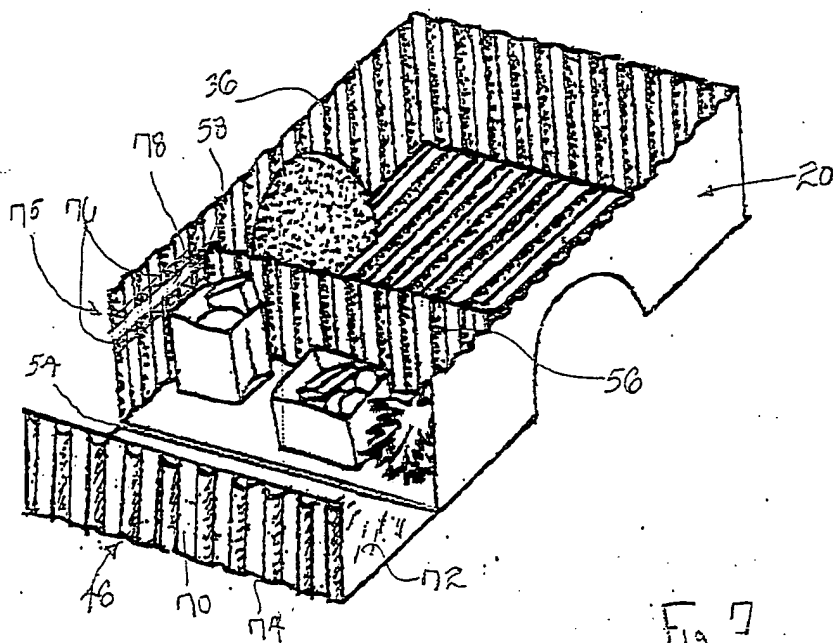


FIG. 6





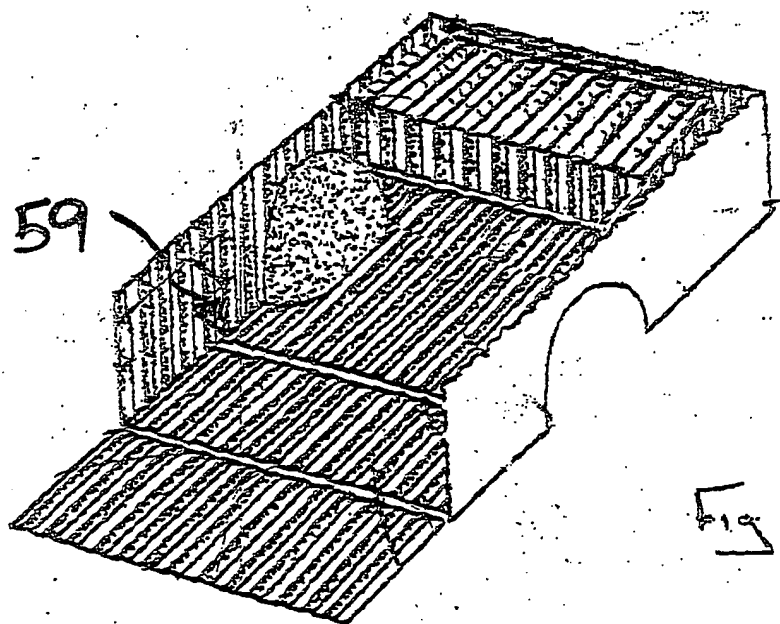


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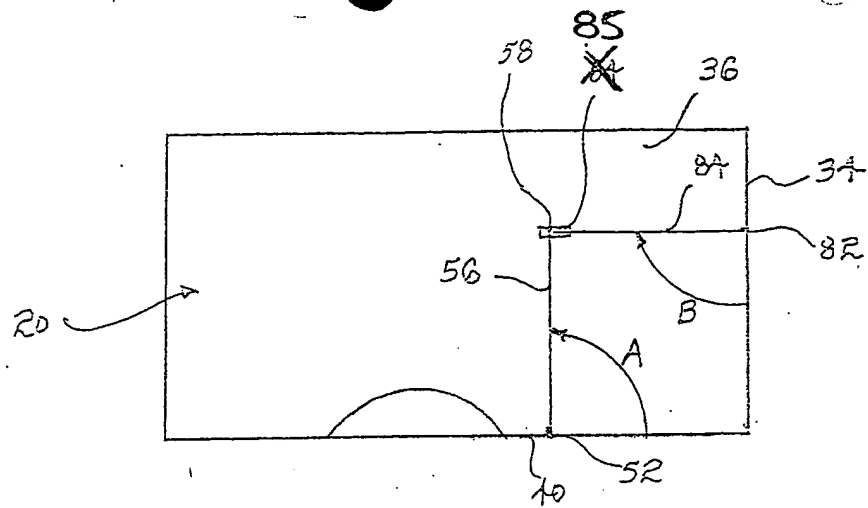
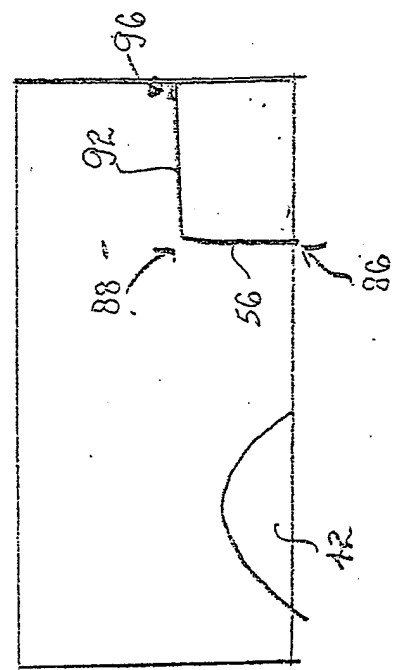
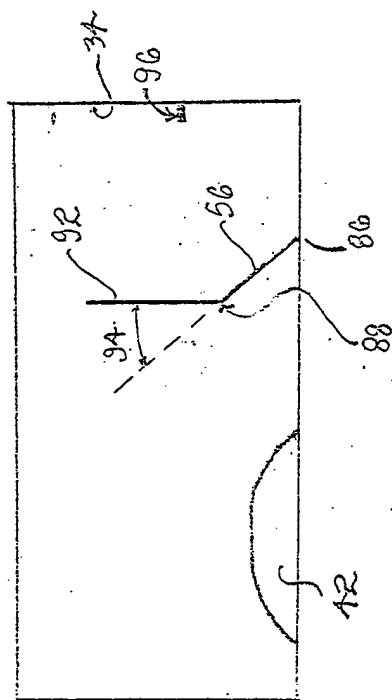
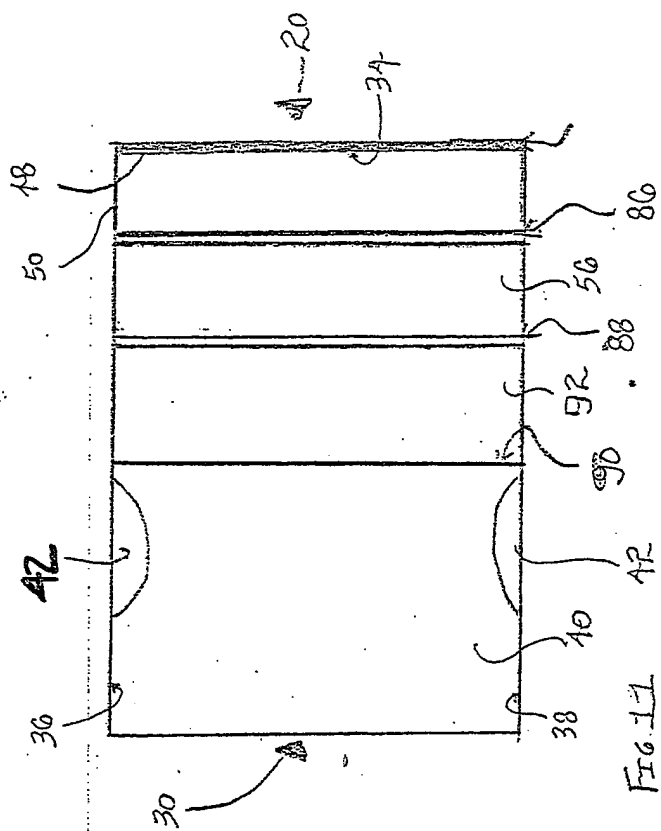


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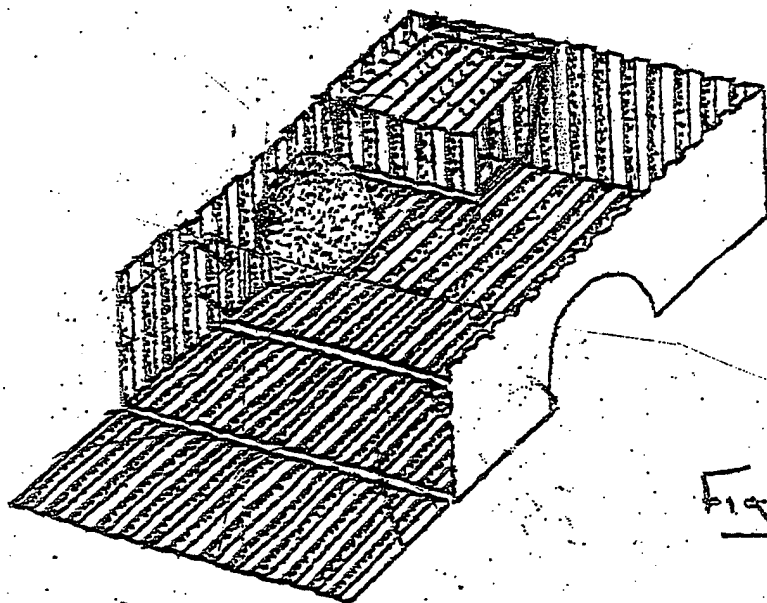


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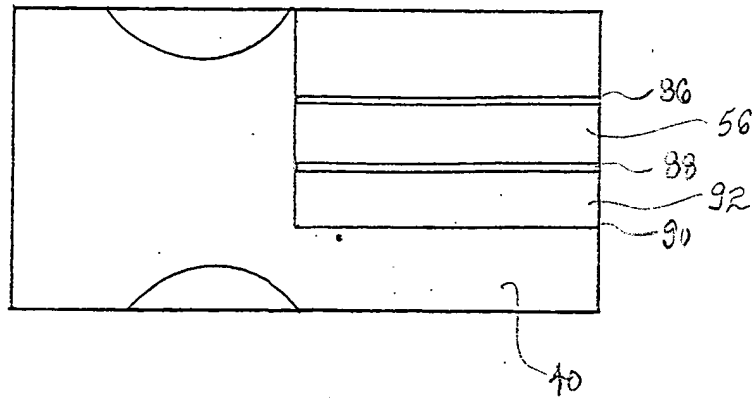


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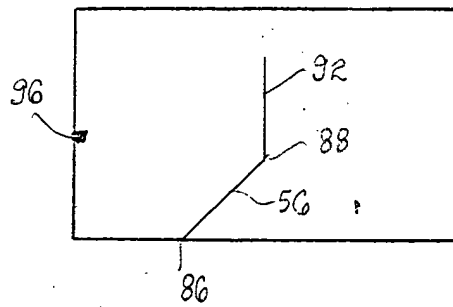


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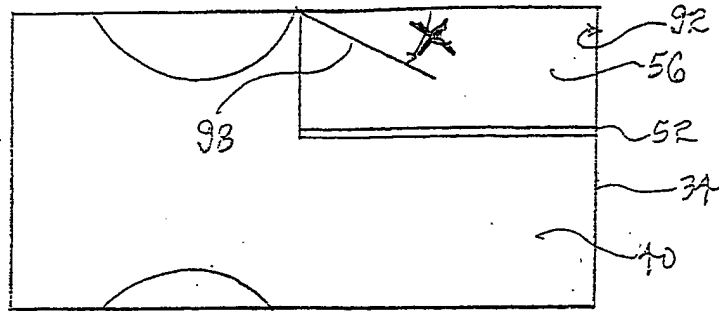


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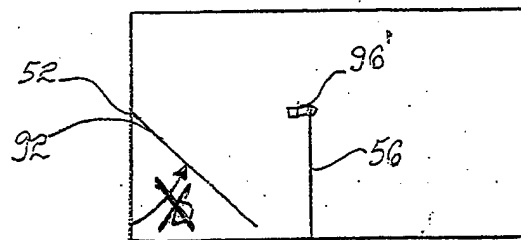


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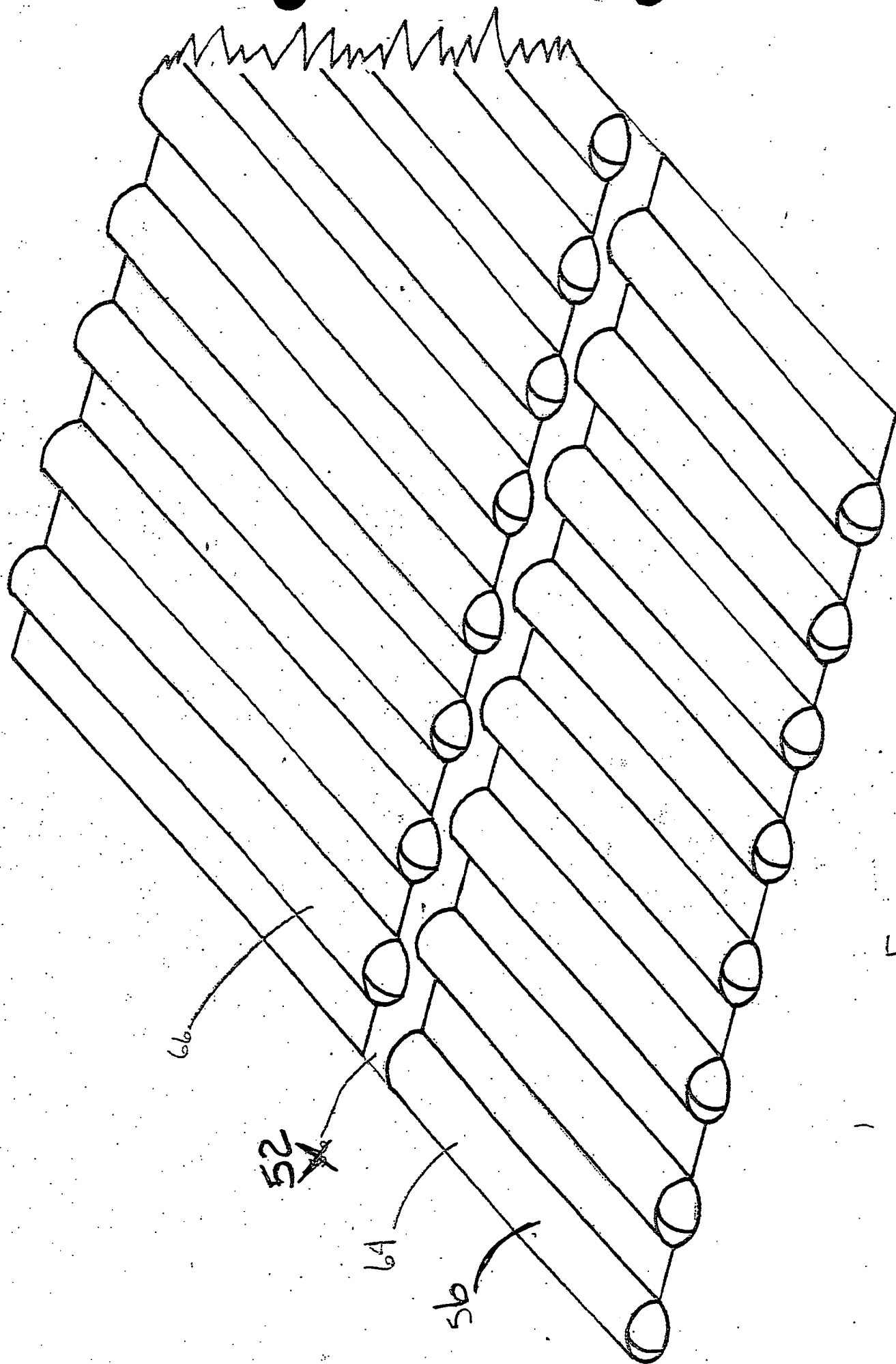
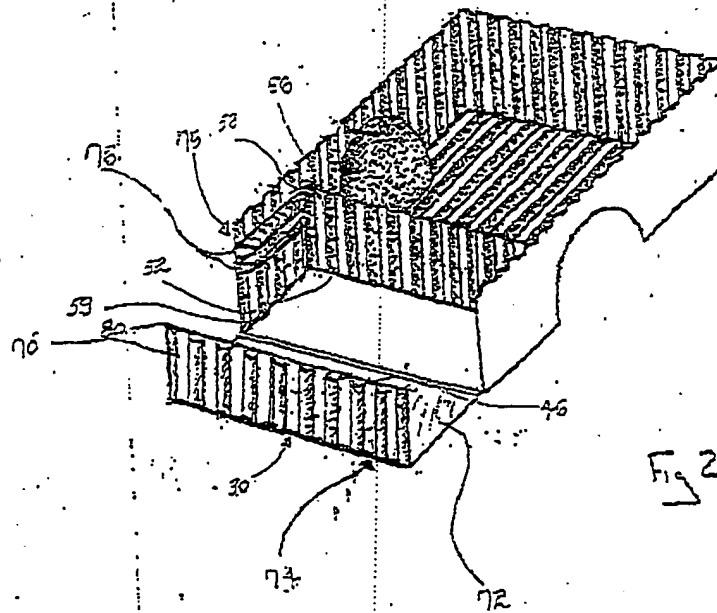
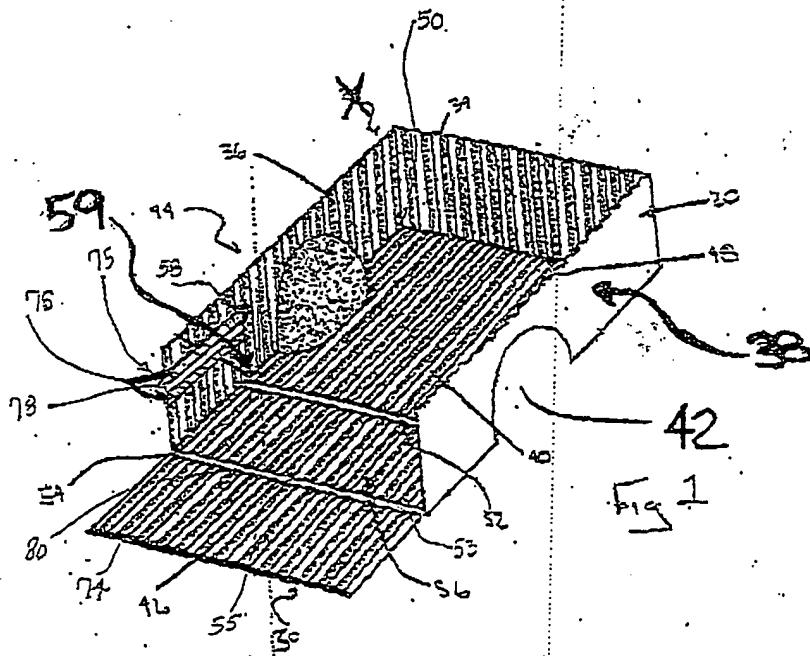
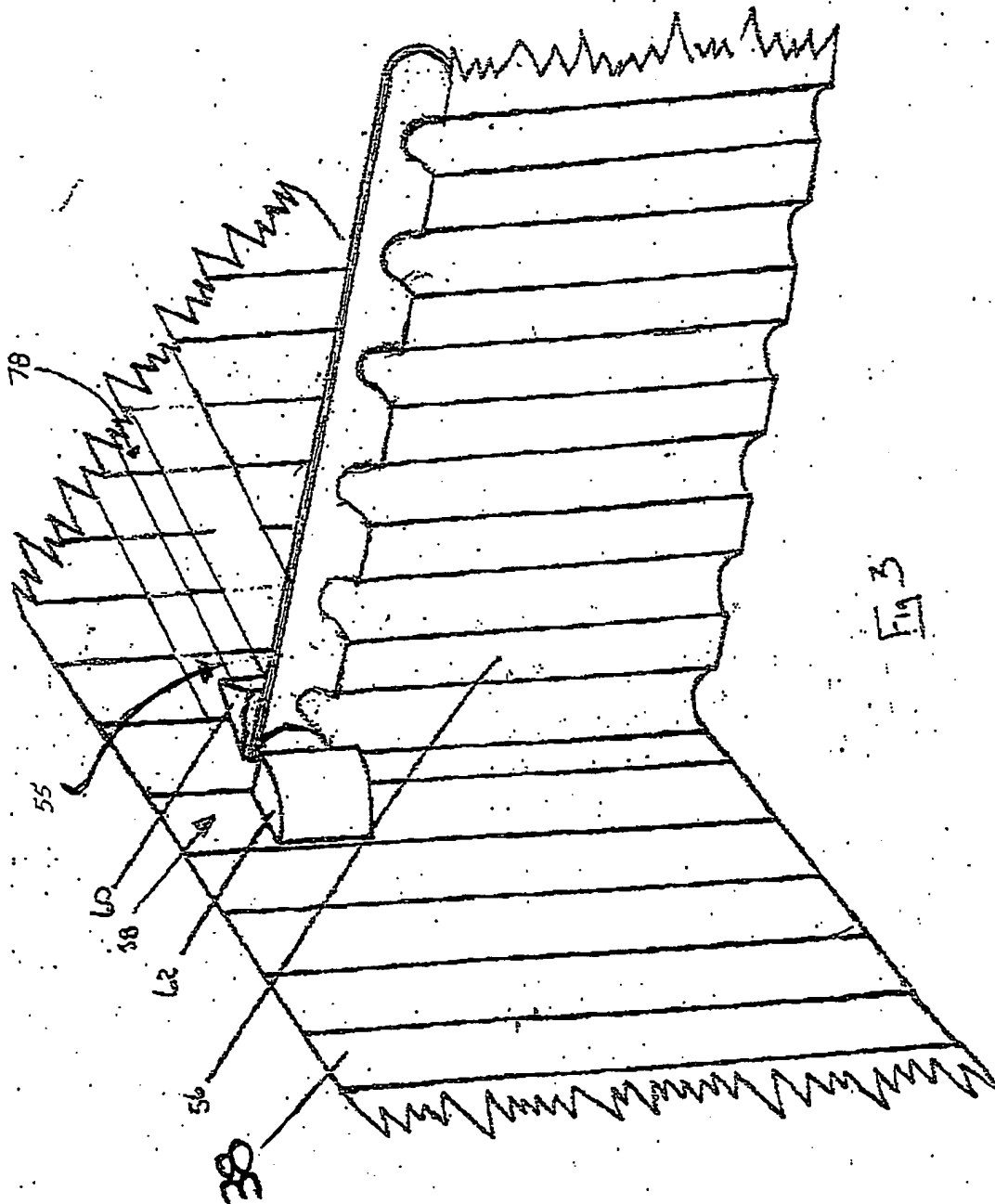


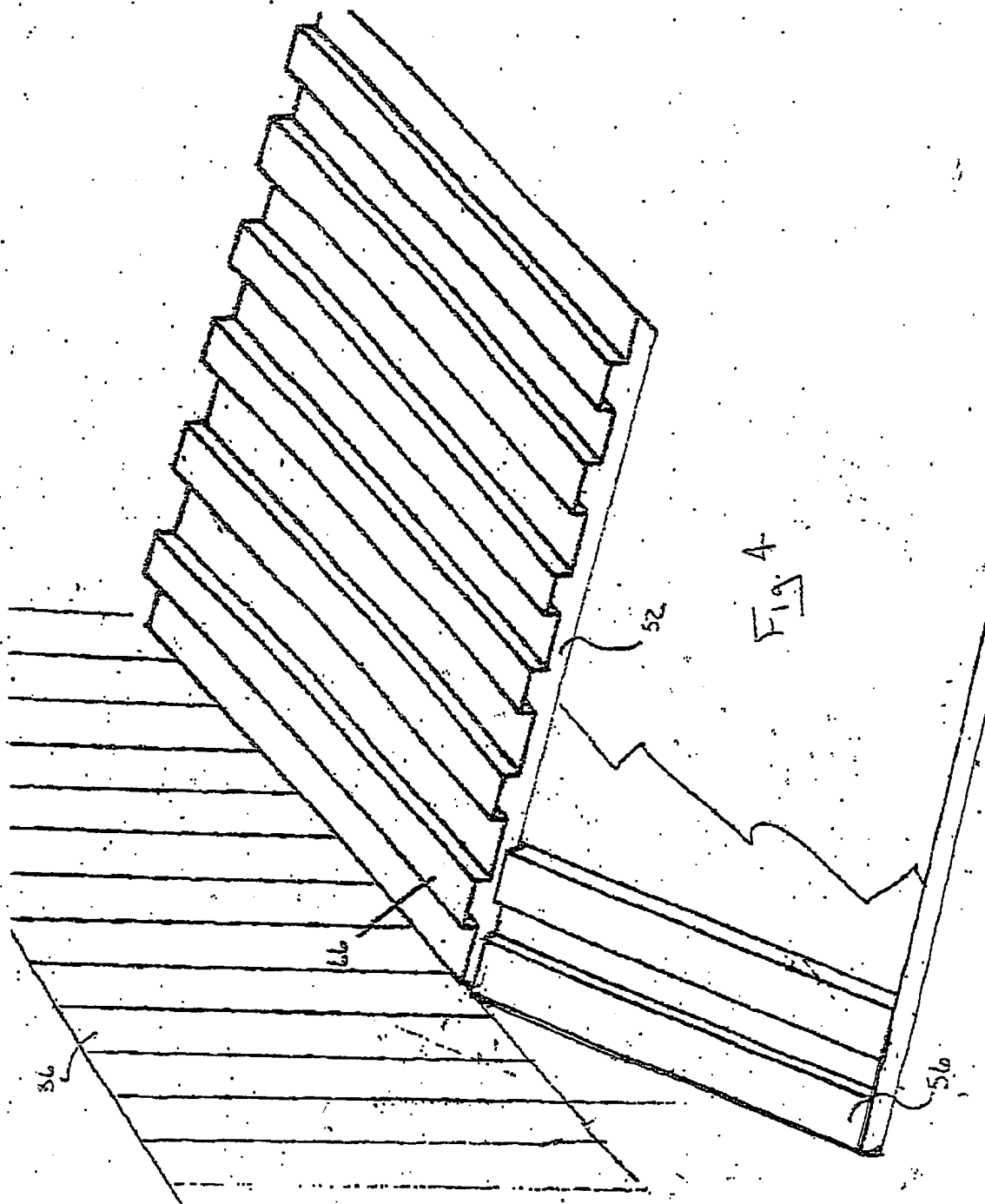
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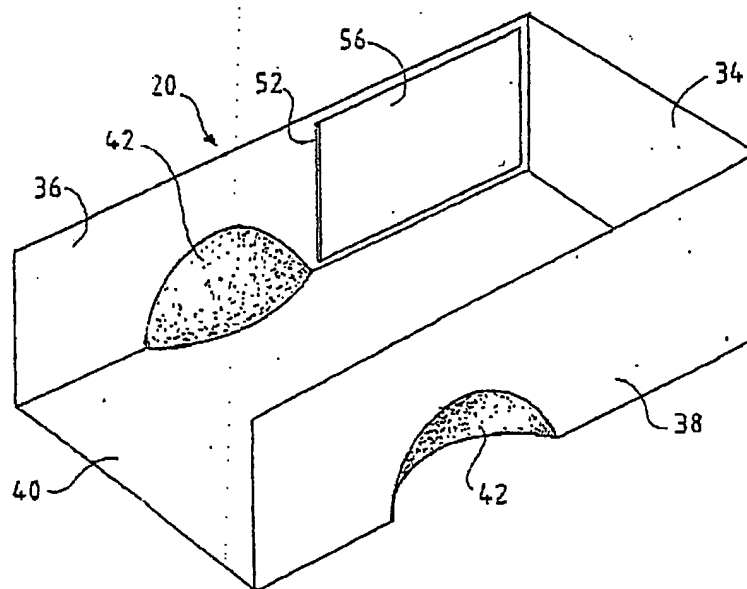
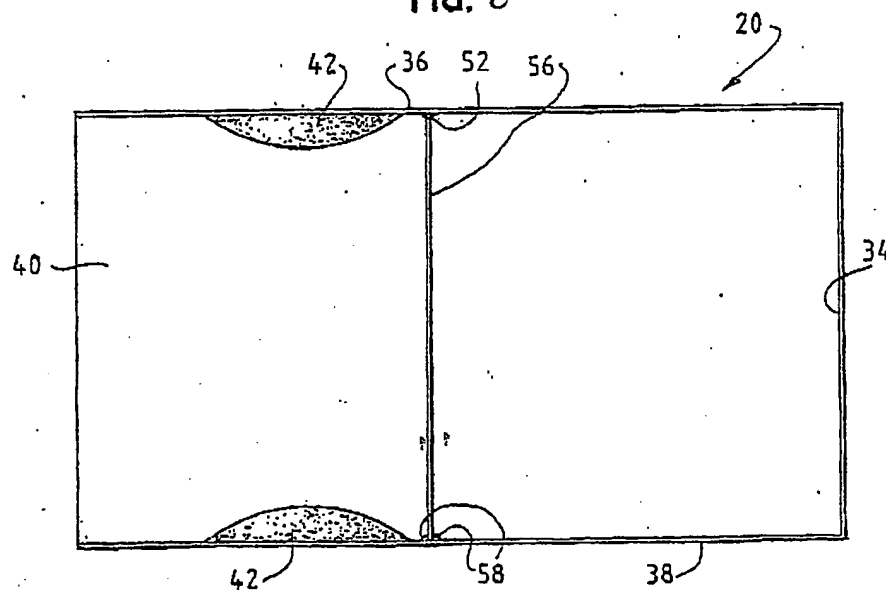
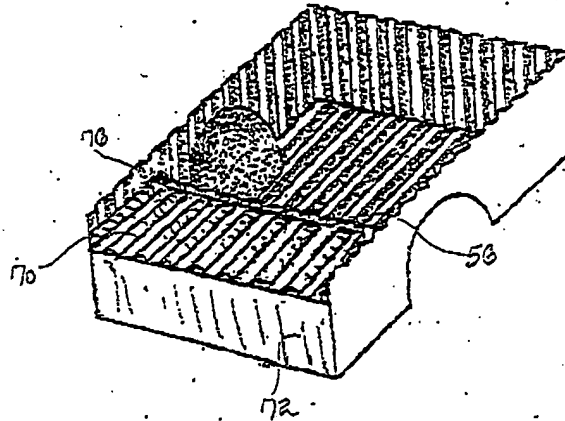
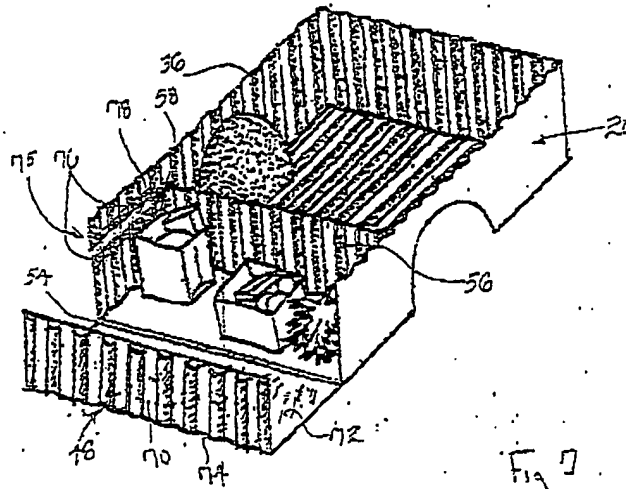


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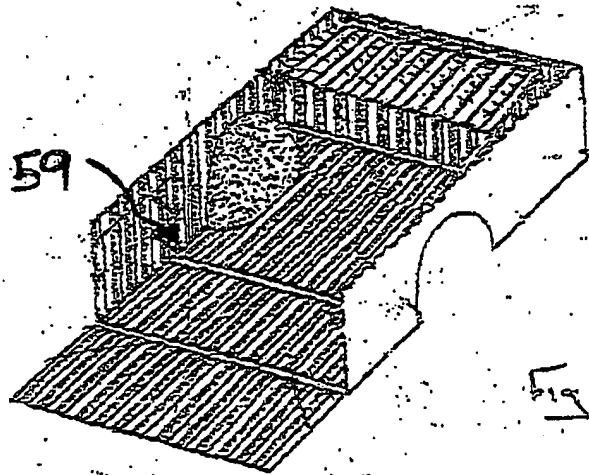


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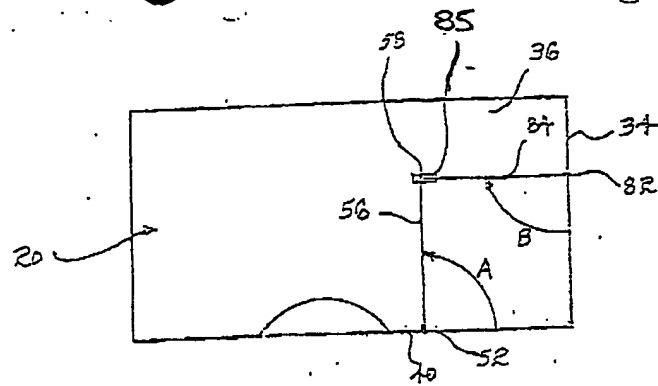
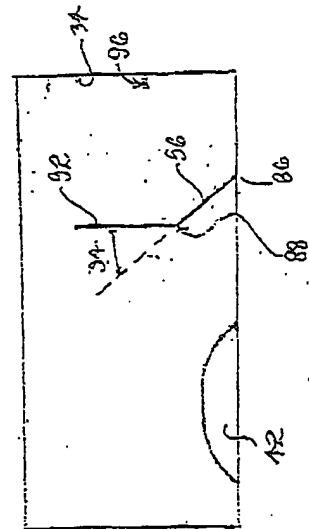
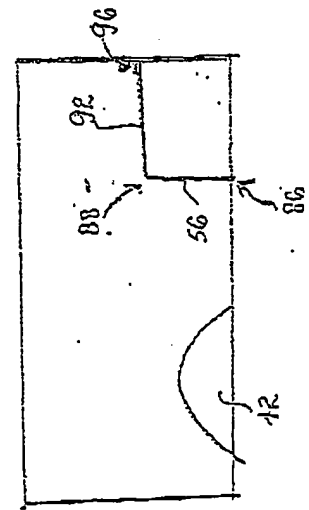
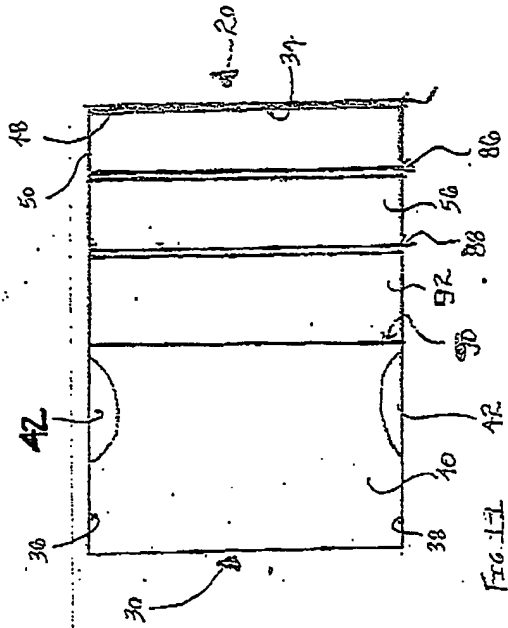


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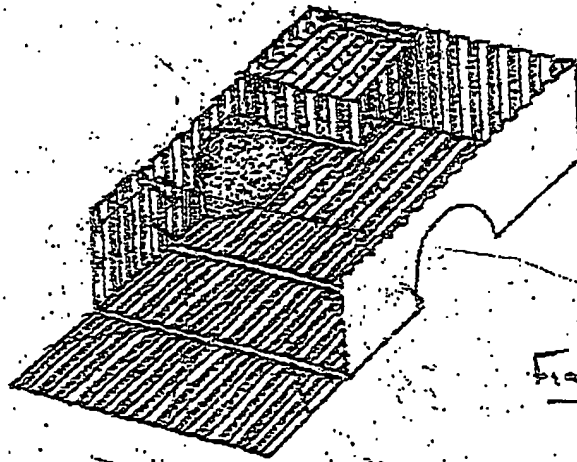


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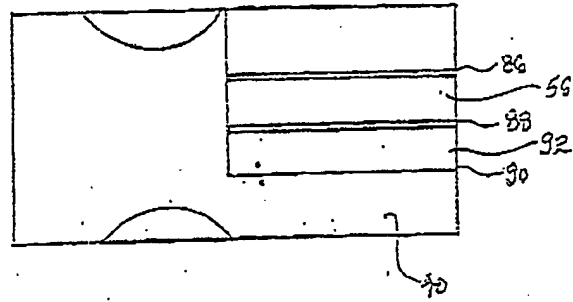


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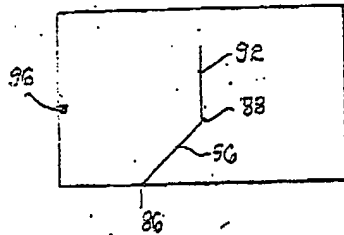


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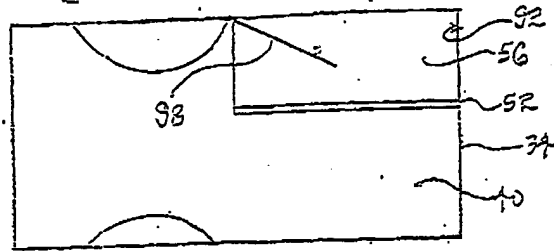


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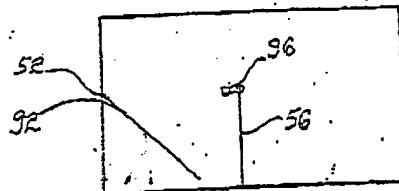


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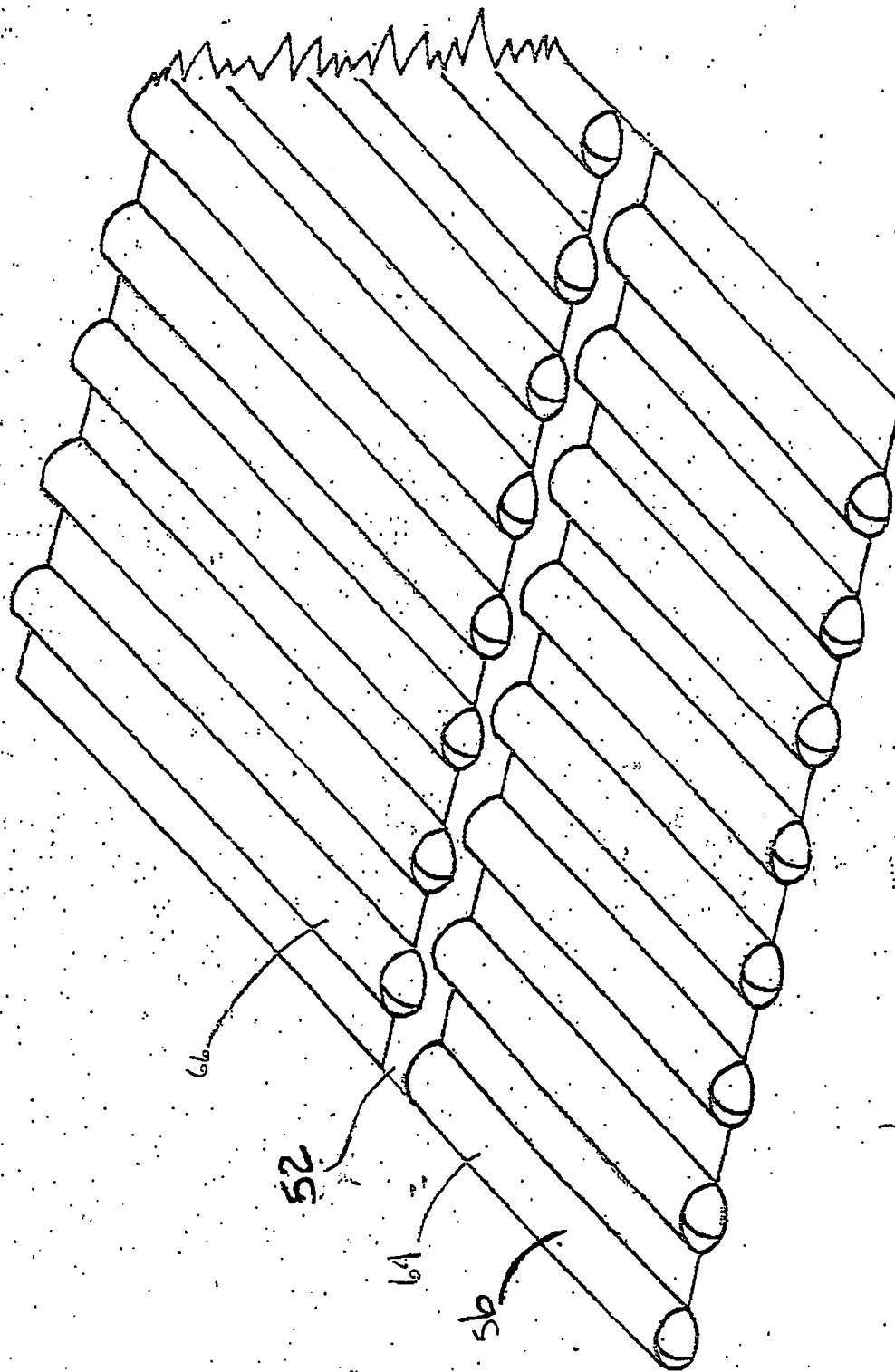


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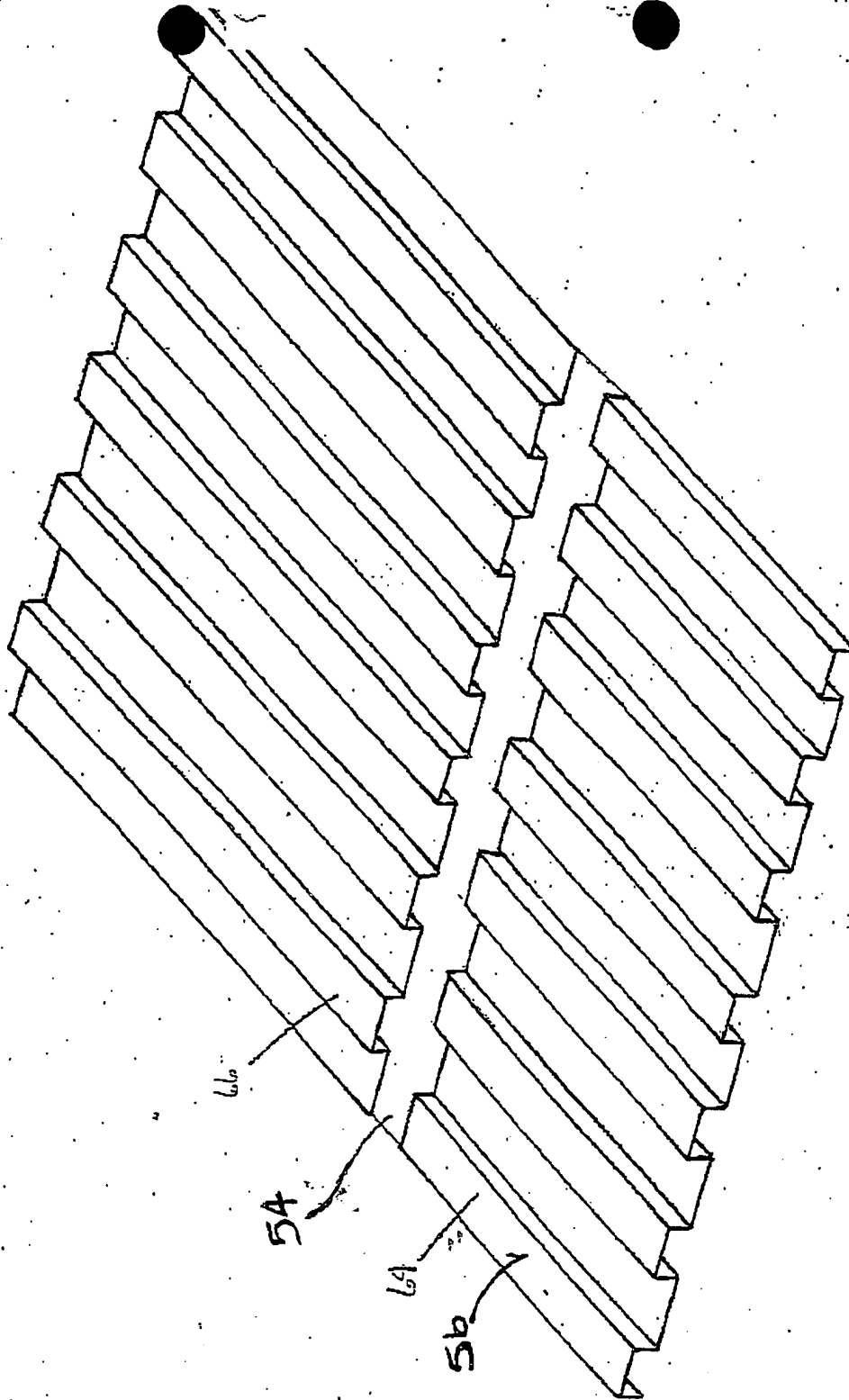


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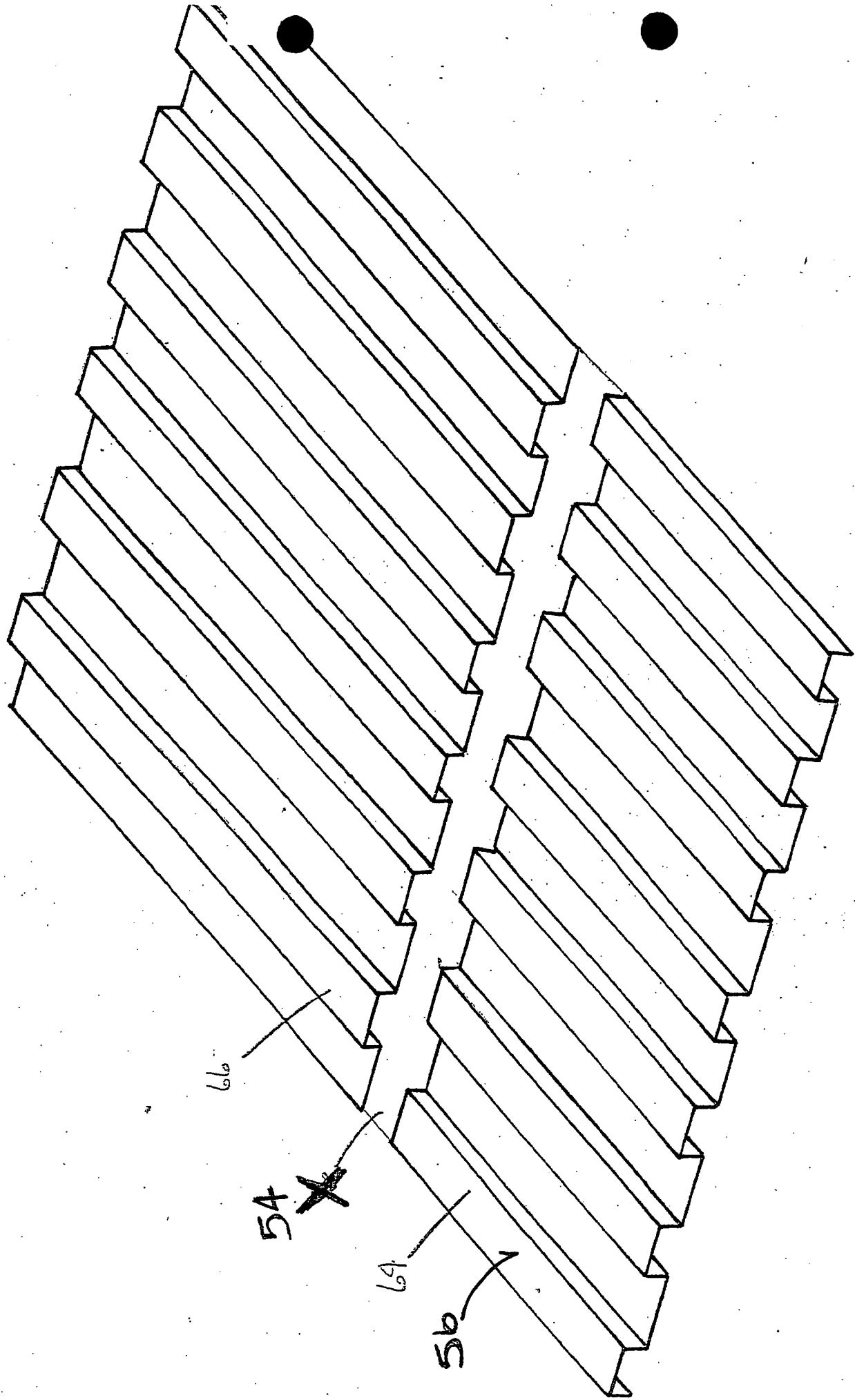


Fig. 20